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The base ball season has opened and begins about as the last season ended. Some of the colleges are giving up their athletic programs because of the war. Military training is in progress at all or nearly all colleges and the members of the various athletic squads are wanted in the college battalions.

Not all vacant land is suitable for crops. Filled land, where the filling was largely coal ashes and subsoil, will not even grow weeds and it is a waste of time to cultivate it. It is probably true however that in and around Bennington there is enough good land for all who want garden plots this summer. Now is the time to get a plot and make ready.

With a world-wide call for men to enter the army and at the same time for men to fill the depleted ranks of labor, loafing is not going to be very popular this year. In England and France the sons of the well-to-do have practically all gone into the army. In America they can at least raise potatoes and onions. All over the country lists are being made of all sorts of things available for us. A census of idlers would indicate a considerable reserve of unused elbow-grease.

The good women of Bennington who desire to vote may perhaps well bear in mind that men have always found it easier to get on the tax list than to get off. Women who actually have taxable property are entitled to vote under the new law. Every home in Bennington has the property of its hand and wife. In two cases out of three they would never have had the place if she hadn't carefully saved toward it. Work at home is just as important as his at his regular job. This class of half-home-owning women are voters under any fair interpretation of the new law. Only a few of the single women who work for a living however would appear to be entitled to vote under the law and a good many of the married women who live in rented homes likewise do not seem to be duly qualified, but there are a few in each of these classes who clearly are. The time is short and each woman must decide the case for herself—not merely in enthusiastic desire to be a voter, in the soundness of her best judgment.

The decision of the supreme court of Vermont that the Peru Turnpike company has no right to collect toll from automobile drivers practically deprives the toll-road of any value. It will not pay the expenses of proper maintenance without an income from autos. The turnpike company will have to sell out to the state at the lower price offered and even that is too much under the new conditions. If the state can under the supreme court decree refuse to pay \$16,000 for the property it will be in the market presently at a smaller price. We do not pretend to understand the matter and in commenting on it claim not even a small degree of knowledge. The company had the right to charge for teams and vehicles of all kinds. Then automobiles came into use and took over the traffic before carried in animal drawn vehicles and just why the court should rule that a change in form or locomotion would exempt a vehicle from charge is not easily understood. At the same time the turnpike company is not apparently entitled to any great amount of sympathy. It took advantage of the coming of the automobile to make a gross overcharge, especially on the small local cars and in so doing appears to have overreached itself. Just what is going to happen to the Peru turnpike will now doubtless be known very quickly—say in eight or nine years, judging from the speed accomplished in the past.

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## NO FAITH IN WILSON

George F. Lawrence's Reason for Slow Enlistments.

Editor of the Banner:—You in your editorial of yesterday comment on the fact that Vermonters and men from other states are not responding to the call to the colors as of yore, and remark on the singularity of the occurrence, the present crisis seemingly being as popular a cause as any of the previous ones. It would seem to me there is one answer to the question that one should have foreseen, in fact there is nothing singular about the attitude at all, which is a very logical result of cowardly self-interested amateur statesmanship.

For is not the reluctance of men in volunteering due solely to the history of the present administration, solely to a lack of confidence and respect for those in power, the fear that Washington is still long on lofty words and mighty short on deeds. That volunteering and sent to a foreign shore, they like, Boyd and Adair "would be left to the mercies of a foe who know no mercies," and the fact that those ghosts and shadows so graphically portrayed as proper for Shadow Lawn, have become the shadows of the nation. That the nation will have to now be shown, by more than one speech, their commander in chief, means what he says, that his lofty words will this time be accompanied by lofty deeds, that he is not playing personal politics, as he can prove by giving us a non-partisan administration, by calling men of all parties to his aid, and proving that he can sink personal ambition for the good of the nation. Then I believe the Vermonters, as well as the rest of the nation, will volunteer as readily as in the past, for they have always exceeded several times the number called for, when they had confidence in their leaders, and that there has been no change, is pretty clearly evidenced by the response made to Col. Roosevelt on his announcement that he would like to lead a division.

George F. Lawrence.  
Manchester, April 6, 1917.

## Methods of Breeding to Secure Egg Producers

According to Tom Brown, the famous English poultry breeder, an egg laying strain cannot be produced by breeding. In order for a hen to be a good producer she must be in good health and full of vigor. Use a male that was bred from a hen that laid 200 eggs or more in a year. Breed for high averages. Instead of occasionally high individuals. A good layer usually stands high in front, and her back is not on a level or the rear higher than the front. The best producers usually have large combs, a high tail and a prominent, large, light eye. Prefer the wedge shape, rather narrow in front but wide behind and wide between the legs. A hen inclined to be squarish in the front is not a good layer. Not always the larger hen is the best layer, generally the smaller and the henier for the best are those with white legs.

A lighter feathered bird is a better layer than a dark feathered one. A hen that does not lay well in winter should not be used.

As a rule, the first product of a brood to begin laying marks the best layers, and the best control to their usually make the best producers for egg production.

## And He Took Things So Easy



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